

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, lines 1-2, please amend the title as follows:

**GAMING TABLE AND METHOD FOR USE THEREOF WITH
GAMING CHIPS INCORPORATING AN ELECTRONIC MICROCHIP**

On page 1, please amend the paragraph at lines 3-8 as follows:

The present invention relates to a gaming table for use with or a method utilizing gaming chips incorporating an electronic memory microchip used in casinos and gaming rooms. The invention is particularly beneficial for gaming tables, including blackjack, baccarat, minibaccarat and stud poker gaming tables and tables for games derived from those games, but can also be used with benefit on cash tables or change tables.

On pages 2-3, please amend the paragraph bridging pages 2-3, from page 2, line 22 to page 3, line 2, as follows:

To this end, the invention proposes a gaming table for use with or a method utilizing electronic memory microchip gaming chips, comprising:

- a tabletop including a gaming chip storage area and at least one gaming chip testing area,
- at least one test station including a communication unit adapted to exchange information with the memory of a gaming chip in said the test area by

means way of an antenna device on and/or in said the tabletop, the communication unit being associated with a processing unit for processing information contained in said the memory, and

- at least one display device for displaying an output message obtained from the processing unit and based at least in part on information contained in said the memory, said the display device including a screen on and/or in said the tabletop, wherein the display device is physically separate from the casing of said the test station and the chip test area and the screen of the display device are close together, beside said the storage area and in reach and in view of the operator of the table.

On page 4, please amend the paragraph at lines 14-17 as follows:

The invention also relates to gaming room surveillance equipment or a method of utilizing thereof including at least one gaming table as defined above and at least one display duplicator device associated with said the display device and including a second screen external to the gaming table that can be viewed by a second gaming room or casino operator.

On page 4, please amend the paragraph at lines 20-23 as follows:

In another embodiment, the display duplicator device is integrated into the video surveillance system of the gaming room by means way of a serial external

interface, an IP network or an analogous network, with embedded display on screens of video monitors of gaming room or casino surveillance or security staff.

On page 4, please insert the following paragraph between lines 23 and 24:

The method of utilizing a gaming table with gaming chips and the method of utilizing a gaming room surveillance equipment according to the present invention comprise providing the gaming table and the gaming room surveillance equipment as described above, respectively.

On pages 6-7, please amend the paragraph bridging pages 6-7 as follows:

The test station 34 is conventionally of the read/write type 34 able to read and write the memory of the gaming chips. Without departing from the scope of the invention, a simplified version of the test station could include only means a device for reading the memory of the gaming chips, its structure and operation being similar to what is described hereinafter for the read/write test station 34.

On pages 10-11, please amend the paragraph bridging pages 10-11 as follows:

Compared to the gaming table 10, the table 110 has further areas for electronically reading or reading/writing chips 128 covering the gaming stations (“spots”) 19 of the table where players place their bets. The corresponding

antennas 129 are disposed on or in the tabletop 12 to cover the areas 128 and are connected to the test station 134 by a multiplexing circuit 152 arranged, by way of nonlimiting example, external to the casing 135 of the station 134. Moreover, by way of nonlimiting example, the display 132 includes a screen 130 with two display lines, one for information coming from the test area 28 (antenna 29) and the other for information coming from one of the gaming stations or 'spots' 19 and indicating the serial number identifying the 'spot' display. The display optionally includes ~~on~~ one (or more) key(s) 149 (shown only in figure 5) connected to the keypad 140 and used to select the 'spot' displayed. Of course, the invention is not limited to the embodiment described here and covers other analogous or derived arrangements in terms of the function and placement of the reading areas 128 on the table, the number of antennas 29 and 129 and their connections to the station 134 (the antenna 29 may also be connected to the multiplexing circuit 152), the number of 'spots' displayed simultaneously, the number of display lines on the screen 130 and the ~~means~~ device(s) for selecting the 'spot' or 'spots' displayed. The table 110 may additionally be modified and incorporate one or the other of the table variants of the type described in relation to the tables 10a and 10b.

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